

Claims

1. (currently amended) A detachable tube assembly, comprising:

first and second tubes, the first tube having at least one radial aperture which is alignable with a radial aperture of the second tube when the first and second tubes are telescoped together; and

a coupler, the coupler comprising:

a base portion having a central aperture suitable for receiving and guiding a rod therein;

at least one flexible arm coupled to the base portion; and

a first radial extension extending outwardly from the arm, the extension being sized and dimensioned to be received in aligned radial apertures of both the first and second tubes to thereby couple the tubes together;

wherein a rod is axially movably received in the central aperture.

2. (original) The detachable tube assembly of claim 1, wherein the coupler further comprises a second flexible arm coupled to the base portion having a second radial extension extending outwardly there from.

3. (canceled)

4. (currently amended) The detachable tube assembly of claim 2 ~~claim 3~~, wherein the rod includes a radial barb for limiting the extent of axial movement of the rod in the central aperture, and the rod extends into aperture. ~~at least one rod extending through the first and second tubes and through the control aperture in the coupling device.~~

5. (original) The detachable tube assembly of claim 4, wherein the barb is configured to facilitate assembling the rod with the coupler by movement of the rod in one axial direction relative to the central aperture.

6. (currently amended) The detachable tube assembly of claim 2 ~~claim 3~~, wherein the rod also has a washer mounted thereon to facilitate centralization of the rod along a central axis of one of the tubes.

7. (original) The detachable tube assembly of claim 1, wherein the coupler is U-shaped in front view.

8. (currently amended) A coupling device for detachably connecting first and second tubes, the first tube having at least one radial aperture which is alignable with a radial aperture of the second tube when the first and second tubes are telescoped together, the coupling device comprising:

a base including a central aperture suitable for receiving and guiding a rod therein;

at least one flexible arm coupled to the base; and

a radial extension extending outwardly from the arm;

wherein a rod is axially movably received in the central aperture.

9. (original) A spraying device, comprising;

a trigger assembly;

a first tube having two radial holes;

a second tube having two radial holes;

the first and second tubes being telescoped into one another with the radial holes of the first tube being in alignment with the radial holes of the second tube;

an actuator rod assembly coupled to the trigger assembly and extending through the first and second tubes in an axially movable fashion;

a spray canister assembly linked to the second tube and adapted to be activated by the actuator rod; and

a coupling device positioned in a tube adjacent a junction between the first and second tubes, the coupling device comprising a base section having a central aperture, first and second flexible arms extending from the base

section, and first and second radial extensions extending from the first and second flexible arms, respectively;

whereby the actuator rod also extends through the central aperture in axially movable fashion and the radial extensions extend into the two radial holes of the first tube and the two radial holes of the second tube.--